

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A recording apparatus comprising:

a carriage for carrying a recording head and  
scanningly movable in said apparatus;

5 a guide shaft for guiding said carriage in a  
predetermined scanning direction;

a drive transmitting portion for transmitting  
a driving force for scanning movement of said  
carriage;

10 an elongated member in which information  
relating to a position of said carriage in the  
predetermined direction is recorded, said elongated  
member being elongate in the predetermined direction,  
and said elongated member is disposed across said  
carriage from said guide shaft;

detecting member, provided in said carriage,  
for detecting information relating to the position in  
the predetermined direction recorded in said elongated  
member.

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2. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said  
drive transmitting portion is disposed in the same  
side as said guide shaft with respect to said  
carriage.

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3. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said  
recording head is detachably mountable to said

carriage, and is provided with a casing having an opening for detachably mounting said recording head to said carriage.

5       4. An apparatus according to Claim 3, further comprising a head set lever for mounting and demounting of said recording head relative to said carriage, and a latch engagement portion for engagement with a latch portion of said head set lever.

10      5. An apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said latch engagement portion is disposed at a lateral side of said detecting member with respect to the scanning direction of said carriage.

15      6. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said carriage is provided with a cover portion for covering said elongaged member.